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PROCEEDINGS AND TRANSACTIONS
OF
THE KILKENNY AND SOUTH-EAST OF IRELAND
ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEAR 1855.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at the Society's Apartments,
Patrick-street, Kilkenny, on Wednesday, January 10th (by
adjournment from the 3rd), 1855,

REV. JOHN BROWNE, LL.D., in the Chair.

Present, the following members:—

Joseph Burke, Esq., Barrister- at-Law.	Thomas B. M'Creery, Esq.
Robert E. Cane, Esq., A. B.	Rev. P. Moore, R. C. C.
Abraham Denroche, Esq.	James Poe, Esq., Solicitor.
Rev. Philip Doyne, A. M.	John G. A. Prim, Hon. Sec.
Rev. J. Graves, A. B., Hon. Sec.	J. G. Robertson, Esq., Architect.
John James, Esq., L. R. C. S. I.	John F. Shearman, Esq.
Zachariah Johnson, Esq., M. D., F. R. C. S. I.	J. M. Tidmarsh, Esq., Mayor of Kilkenny.
Henry M. F. Langton, Esq.	Patrick Watters, Esq., A. M., Town Clerk.

The following new members were elected:—

George Le Hunte, Esq., B. A., J. P., Artramont, Castlebridge, Wexford; John Stuart, Esq., Secretary of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Edinburgh; William Heron Cooper, Esq., Kilmogar, Kilkenny; and John Kearns, Esq., L. R. C. S., Parade, Kilkenny: proposed by the Rev. J. Graves.

The Right Rev. David Moriarty, Bishop Coadjutor of Kerry: proposed by J. M. Tidmarsh, Esq., Mayor of Kilkenny.

Robert Ball, Esq., LL. D., M. R. I. A., Director of the University Museum, 3, Granby-row, Dublin: proposed by R. Hitchcock, Esq.

Richard Corbett, Esq., M. D., 84, South Mall, Cork; Nicholas Peterson, Esq., 10, South Mall, Cork; the Rev. Patrick O'Connell, R. C. C., Nelson Hill, Youghal; Mr. Arthur Miller, Friar-street, Youghal; Richard F. G. Lindsay, Esq., Old Youghal Press, Youghal; James Barry, Esq., Solicitor, Nelson-place, Youghal; Isaac Barnes, Esq., Merville, Youghal; Michael Keane, Esq., Nelson-terrace, Youghal; Thomas Harvey, Esq., Grattan-street, Youghal; Rev. R. T. Tracey, Nelson-place, Youghal; Henry Brown, Esq., William-street, Youghal; Samuel Walker, Esq., Currigrine, Castlemartyr; Miss Marianne Morgan, Friar-street, Youghal; Mr. Edward Thomas, Youghal; Rev. Thomas Walsh, R. C. C., Cloyne; Rev. William Tuomy, R. C. C., Nelson Hill, Youghal; Thomas John, Esq., J. P., Bank of Ireland, Youghal; Terence Walsh, Esq., Youghal; Walter Croker Poole, Esq., M. D., Tinnescart, Youghal; James Curran, Esq., L. R. C. S. I., Youghal; Mr. Stephen O'Driscoll, Lithographer, Pembroke-street, Cork; Wm. Garde, Esq., Bilberry Hill, Middleton, county of Cork; and John Seymour Murphy, Esq., Duncan-street, Cork: proposed by Edward Fitzgerald, Architect, Youghal.

Sobieski Kildahl, Esq., Prospect Hill, Youghal: proposed by the Rev. Dr. Browne.

Thomas William Hill, Esq., Stoneleigh House, Clifton Park, Bristol; and Charles Whetham, Esq., 38, Gracechurch-street, London: proposed by William Slade Parker, Esq.

Robert Clayton Browne Clayton, Esq., Carrigbyrne Lodge, Adamstown, Enniscorthy: proposed by Robert B. Wright, Esq.

Samuel Philip Townsend, Esq., Garrycloyne, Blarney: proposed by Horatio Townsend, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

The Rev. D. Corcoran, P. P., Oakfield, Mullinahone: proposed by Mr. J. Dunne, Garryricken.

The Honorary Secretary then read the following Annual Report for 1854:—

The Society's career has, during the past year, been chequered by gain and loss. *One hundred and twenty-six* new names, comprising many calculated to reflect credit on the Society, have been added to its muster-roll; whilst the losses by death or withdrawal have not been *numerically* large. Foremost amongst those whose death we have to deplore, stands the name of the Society's earliest Patron and best friend, the late Marquis of Ormonde. In the Report for 1853 was recorded the munificent gift of the Life of St. Canice, privately printed at his Lordship's own expense, and gratuitously presented to such of the members of this Society as had fulfilled certain conditions laid down by him. Lord Ormonde's priceless store of ancestral MSS. was on all occasions freely thrown open by him to your Secretary's inspection, and, by their noble owner's liberality, always available toward the illustration of local or national antiquities; whilst by frequently pre-

siding at its meetings, and by the exertion of his widely extended influence, he proved the warm interest felt by him in the prosperity of this Association, and was mainly instrumental in raising it to its present high position. The loss sustained by the country at large in the death of this truly noble man it is not our province to dwell on, but we may be permitted to express our share in the grief so universally felt, and to lament that not only on the community in general, on the wide circle of his friends, and on his immediate family, but also on the ranks of literature so great a calamity should have fallen. Amongst the sad list of those whom death has removed from amongst us, we may mention the names of the Rev. George Stanley Faber; T. Crofton Croker, Esq.; and Patrick Chalmers, Esq., of Aldbar; whilst it is also our sad task to record the glorious fall, on the blood-stained slopes of Inkermann, of another of our members, distinguished for his zeal in the study of numismatics, Captain Edward Stanley, who nobly died whilst leading into action his Regiment, the gallant 57th. The roll of the Society's members now extends to *five hundred and thirty-six* names; but large as this list may seem, the objects of the Society cannot fully be carried out until it at least numbers *one thousand* strong. If each member would beat up for recruits in his own district, there can be no doubt but that ample success would attend his exertions, especially when such a return can be promised for the annual subscription as that afforded by the publications of the Society.

Since the last Annual Meeting, the Transactions for 1852, extending to 176 pages, with numerous illustrations, have been issued. The Transactions for 1853, completing the second volume, are nearly ready; whilst the Proceedings and Transactions of the past year, forming the first portion of the third volume, extending to 206 pages, and largely illustrated, have been completed and issued to the members. Thus, in a short time, the arrear in which the publications of the Society had fallen will be fully brought up, and the interest of the members in the proceedings not allowed to flag.

In the early part of the last summer the necessary steps were taken to stamp the Transactions as a newspaper, in order to facilitate their transmission through the post, but in consequence of a misunderstanding with the Post Office authorities, your officers were unable fully to carry out the design. We are happy to be able to announce, however, that all difficulties appear now to be overcome, and that the bi-monthly stamped issue of the Transactions will for the future, we trust, be steadily carried out.

The Library has received many important additions during the past year—chiefly consisting of the Transactions of kindred Associations. To your Museum, also, many valuable presentations have been made, amongst which may be specified the unique ancient Irish crozier-head, figured in last year's Transactions, presented by James S. Blake, Esq., J. P., and a fine specimen of the ancient bronze cauldron, presented by Mr. Daniel M'Evoy, Urlingford.

The work of reparation commenced at Jerpoint Abbey, in the autumn of 1853, has been long since brought to a satisfactory conclusion; and a statement of the receipts and expenditure will be laid before the Society at the next Meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. James Poe, the Report was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. James Graves, Acting Treasurer, then brought up the Accounts of the Society for 1854. He observed that subscriptions for that year, amounting to about £60, were yet outstanding; however, in reply to his last circular this money was now fast coming in. With respect to the large item, in the Accounts, of £14 9s. 6d. for postage, he remarked, that if members considered their subscriptions as due in advance on the 1st January each year, and paid up accordingly, it would save the Society a large amount at present uselessly expended in the postage of circulars, and relieve the Secretaries from an enormous amount of labour. The compunction of some members, indeed, seemed to have been touched by the number of circulars which they had received calling for their subscriptions, and they had forwarded an additional sum to reimburse the Society for all the postage stamps expended upon them. It might seem to each individual that the penny paid for the postage of his circular was no great loss, but it should be remembered that a circular, posted to over 500 members, involved an outlay of over five hundred pennies, to say nothing of the expense of stationery and printing, and the waste of labour.

Messrs. J. G. Robertson and M. Molony were requested to act as Auditors, and report on the Accounts at the next Meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Burke, the Committee and Officers of the Society for the last year were re-elected.

On the motion of the Rev. James Graves, Mr. Edward Fitzgerald, by whose zeal such a large addition had been that day made to the Society's list of members, was elected Local Secretary for Youghal District.

The following presentations were received, and thanks ordered to be given to the donors:—

By the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland: its "Journal," No. 43.

By the Cambrian Archæological Association: "Archæologia Cambrensis," Nos. 19 and 20.

By the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool: its "Proceedings," No. 8. 1853-4.

By the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society: its "Original Papers," Vol. IV. part 3.

By the Suffolk Institute of Archæology and Natural History: its "Proceedings," Vol. II. No. 2.

By the Cambridge Antiquarian Society: its 8vo. Series, No. 4.

By the Ossianic Society: its "Transactions." Vol. I.—"The Battle of Gabhra."

By R. Hitchcock, Esq.: the Sale Catalogues of the Library and Collection of Antiquities of the late T. Crofton Croker, Esq., interleaved and bound.

By the Author, Horatio Townsend, Esq.: "Thoughts on Church Architecture."

By Edward Fitzgerald, Youghal: "Dilucida Conscribendi Epistolas Ratio," Valentiae, 1585, with curious contemporary MS. additions; and "I Quattro Vltimi Libri Dell' Historie D'Italia Di M. F. Gvicciardini Gentil' huomo Fiorentino." In Parma. 1564.

By the Publisher: "The Builder," Nos. 613 to 622, inclusive.

By the Author, J. B. Doyle, Esq.: "Tours in Ulster: a Handbook to the Antiquities and Scenery of the North of Ireland."

By Dr. A. Alcock, New Ross, six late Roman brasses; and by J. H. Rogers, Esq., S. I., an ancient tobacco pipe, per Rev. P. Moore, who also himself presented a specimen of the mortar from the roof of Cormac's Chapel, Cashel.

By Mrs. Pilsworth, Rev. James Graves, Mr. H. Preston, and Mr. F. Mathews, huntsman to the Kilkenny Club: several ancient coins.

By the Rev. George H. Reade, Rectory, Inniskeen, Dundalk: two silver pennies of Edward I., struck in Canterbury and London, and found some time since at Ballyshannon, under the following circumstances, as communicated by the donor:—

"A road was about to be lowered, and the height was of solid lime-stone rock; the labourers had made every effort to remove it with pickaxe and crowbar, but in vain; it was so close and solid they could not insert the bar. It was, therefore, blasted, and immediately after the blast a shower of these coins fell around! I happened to be riding past at the time, and saw them picking them off the tops of some cabins. One of the men to whom I applied said that a shower of studs (small buttons) had followed the blast, and I succeeded in purchasing a few from him; but they rose in value after my inquiry. There were a few pennies of Alexander III. among them, but I did not get a duplicate."

By Mr. J. G. Robertson: an impression of an ancient Chinese porcelain seal, in his possession.

Mr. Graves exhibited a beautifully illuminated grant of arms, which he had lately secured in Dublin for the Society. It was an exemplification of the original grant recited in an official certificate obtained by Valentine Smyth, Esq., of Damagh, printed at length in the "Transactions," vol. i. p. 261, and was dated 29th June, 1640. By a contemporary endorsement on the back it is stated that—

"The reason of the within achievement of the Doue bearing an olive branch for the Crest was bycause it was imparted by the withinnamed Earle James to the withinnamed William Smyth, by way of secresie, that the happie match in marriage betweene the said Earle and his now Countesse was made sure and done; and willed the said William Smyth (who was then going from the Court of England into Ireland) to tell the said Earle his

mother so much, and to bidd her be of good Comfort; which ioyfull newes the said William Smyth brought into Ireland, and was the first that euer imparted the certaintie therof unto the said Earle his mother, the Ladie Viscountesse Dowager of Thurles, by way of secreisie; which was concealed by the said Earle [.] bycause at that time the King and State of England were against that match: and therupon was it that the said Earle used these words unto the sayd William Smyth, when he sent him away—‘More I could let you knowe, but he that cannot keep his owne counsell will hardly keep another man’s.’”

This was in allusion to the marriage between James Viscount Thurles, afterwards the great Duke of Ormonde, and his cousin, Lady Elizabeth Preston, which restored to the Ormonde family the greater part of their estates, alienated from them by James I., who had assigned them to one of his Scotch favourites, Preston, in right of his marriage with the lady’s mother, the daughter of Thomas the tenth Earl of Ormonde.

Mr. Robert B. Wright, Foulksrath, sent a copy of an ancient but imperfect inscription from the old church of Coolcraheen. From internal evidence it appeared to be the epitaph belonging to a tomb of the Purcell family, the ancient proprietors of Foulksrath Castle, as the seventh line refers to the “porcus,” or “porcellus,” the cognizance of the Purcells. The slab bearing this epitaph probably formed a portion of the monument of Robert Purcell of Foulksrath, having been, perhaps, originally inserted in the wall above the still existing altar-tomb of that ancient proprietor of the lands of Foulksrath and Coolcraheen. The monument is of the sixteenth century. The inscription, as copied by Mr. Wright, is as follows:—

O . HOMINES HOMINES . LTOS . QVÆRITIS . AGRO^s.
 LOCA QVIBVS . SEPT . . . CIT . VRNA . PEDES .
 MAIOR NOSTRA . SOLO . S . . SCĀDIT . OLYMPVM
 ΦΛΛΑ . TAMEN . CON . . . NET . VRNA . MEŨ
 DANTE DEO . FINE PEREMĪET . VRĒ .
 ALTIOR . EST . HV RTE . LOCI .
 PORCI . SI . GENE GNIA . NOSTRI .
 SCIRE . VIATO RTA . LEGE ———

Mr. James Brennan, classical teacher, Gurteen, forwarded through Mr. John Dunne, Garryricken, copies of three ancient inscriptions from the county of Tipperary. The first was from a tomb in the church-yard of Cloneen, near Fethard. The monument was adorned with a cross, in relief, of the class usual in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The letters are in raised Roman characters, and the inscription runs thus:—

HIC . JACET . RICARDUS . BERMINGHAM . NOBILIS . DE . BALLYHOMICK . QUI .
 OBIIT . XXV . JUNII . ANNO . DNI . MDCLXXII .

This Richard Bermingham is still remembered in the local traditions of the peasantry. His mansion or castle of Ballyhomick partially existed in ruins till lately, when the very foundations were uprooted to build the house of John Martin, a neighbouring farmer. In the excavation some ancient fire-places were found in the basement story of the castle, still containing ashes, apparently of the stone coal of Slieveardagh. Richard Bermingham's brother, John, lived at Kilburry, where some slight remains of his residence are still visible. According to popular belief, he was guilty of some abominable act of sacrilege or impiety, and was carried away from earth by the evil one in a thunder-storm!

The second inscription found by Mr. Brennan was from the church-yard of Drangan. The monument bears a cross similar to that at Cloneen, and the inscription, as follows, is also in raised Roman characters, but much defaced:—

HIC . JACET . THADEUS . GEANKAGH . O'MEAGHER . GENEROSUS . QUI . OBIIT .
19^o DECEMBRIS . A . D . 1627 . CUJUS . ANIÆ . PROPITIETUR . DEUS .

The tradition of the locality was silent as to the occupant of the tomb, but a Mr. John Meagher O'Ryan, of Ballycurkeen, near Carrick-on-Suir, always declared himself to be descended from him, and left directions at his death that he should be buried at Drangan,—directions which, however, were not complied with by his family.

The third inscription, Mr. Brennan states, was inserted in a bridge near Drangan Castle, a residence of the Dunboyne family, and is said to have belonged to a more ancient bridge, which originally formed the private entrance to the demense attached to the castle:—

. eobi . Baronis . Dunb
oyne . defuncti . viri . hunc .
pontem . posuit . uxor . filia .
superstes . Margareta . De .
Brien . comitis . Thumonix :
Gra . viator .

The last resident of Drangan Castle was a Colonel Butler, who lived there in the beginning of the last century, and the orchards and fruit-trees of Drangan were famed as the finest in the south of Ireland. The last remaining wing of the building fell fifteen years since.

Mr. R. Caulfield, A.B., Cork, communicated a copy of the expenses consequent on the wake and funeral of Anthony Ronayne, Esq., of Ronayne's Court, in the county of Cork. The original was found by Mr. Caulfield amongst a highly interesting series of MSS. relating to the Ronayne family, and reaching as far back as the time of Edward I. This document serves to illustrate the manners of the native Irish gentry in the early part of the last century:—

Acc^t of Expences about y^e wake and ffunerall of Unkle A. Ronayne.Imp^a

1729 May y ^e 18 th	pay'd for 3 pñd of roll tabaco	£00 02 00
	Do. for 1 pñd cutt & dry tabaco & for 2 Doz ⁿ .	
	pipes	00 01 09½
y ^e 19 th	pay'd for 4 loafes of bread	00 02 00
	Do. for a large p ^e of beeffe	00 06 00½
	Do. for juggs & muggs to serve at y ^e ffunerall	00 01 10
	Do. for ½ Doz ⁿ wine glassess for s ^d occaõn	00 01 04
	Do. for 5 y rd s linnen for a shroud	00 06 08
	Do. for gloves for y ^e Bearers & mourners	01 05 01
	Do. for 17½ y rd s of syppress to ffran. Austen	00 18 00
y ^e 22	pay'd James Gallwey's serv ^t for Lutestrang	
	syppress & ribb ⁿ	08 00 03
	Do. pay'd m ^r Sym ^a m ^c Hugh for 2½ Doz ⁿ wine	
	I took up for s ^d ffuner ^{ll}	01 09 06
y ^e 23	pay'd m ^r Wood for pall cloaks syppress and	
	for poll m ⁿ &cc	02 01 06
	Do. pay'd for y ^e coffin & drink to y ^e joyn ^r	01 02 09
	Do. pay'd for ale Bisk ^{ts} and for charges & ne-	
	cessary's for y ^e tomb to m ^r Quiclu ⁿ	01 14 02½
	Do. for brandy & rum for s ^d ffuner ^{ll}	00 04 04
	Do. pay'd for admittance to y ^e church	00 01 01
	Do. pay'd m ^r Carres coach ^m livery m ⁿ and post-	
	tell for carrying y ^e corps	00 10 00
June y ^e 6	pay'd m ^r Wood for 2 cloaks he forgott to	
	charge for in his note	00 02 00
June y ^e 14	paid for wine for y ^e dirges	00 08 02
June y ^e 15	p ^d for ale biskett pipes & tabaco for Do. acc ^t	00 02 07
total sum of y ^e ffuner ^{ll} Expences		£19 01 1½

Charles C. Babington, Esq., M. A., F. R. S., of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Treasurer to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, forwarded transcripts of some deeds relating to a transaction between the monasteries of Christ Church, Canterbury, and New Tintern in the county of Wexford (see p. 81, *ante*):—

"The following documents concerning the abbey of New Tintern or De Voto, in the county of Wexford, are copied from the original nearly contemporary transcripts, contained in a manuscript headed, 'Registrum veterum cartarum conventus [Ecclesiæ Christi Archiepiscopalis Cantuariensis] et aliarum literarum tam patentium quam clausarum tempore Henrici Prioris,' which forms part of a large parchment volume entitled, 'Registrum Henrici Prioris,' now preserved in the Library of the University of Cambridge, and numbered and marked 1078, Ee. v. 31.

"They consist of four deeds between the convents, showing the original transfer of the lands, &c. from Christ Church, Canterbury, to the house at New Tintern, in consideration of an annual payment of ten marks from the latter to the former body; a subsequent addition of three marks to the annual rent-charge, and the ultimate redemption of the rent-charge of 13

marks, or £4 6s. 8d., after an interval of seventy-three years, by one payment of £100.

"The difficulty found by the monks of Canterbury in obtaining any certain return from lands and churches which were situated in a recently conquered and disturbed country, at so great a distance from their monastery, and at a period when communication was very difficult, was probably the cause of this transaction; and the irregularity of the payment of the annual rent-charge (as I deduce from the last deed) rendered them willing to commute it.

"It will be seen that the transfer of this property took place in the year 1245, and the addition of three marks to the annual rent-charge commenced in 1255, and that the redemption of the rent was made in 1318.

"The first deed states that the lands and churches were given to Christ Church, at Canterbury, by Hervey de Mountmaurice, to whom it will be remembered that a tract of land was given, adjoining the coast between Wexford and Waterford, by Dermot Mac Murrough. This grant took place very soon after his arrival in Ireland as the companion of his nephew, Richard de Clare, Earl of Pembroke, at the first invasion of the country in the year 1169. Perhaps no documents exist by which we might learn the date of his gift to the monks of Canterbury; but as he was apparently not a young man in 1169, it is probable that the convent of Christ Church had been at least fifty years in possession of the property when they transferred it to that of New Tintern. Some documents concerning transactions with the abbey De Voto are said to exist in the archives of Canterbury Cathedral, but I do not possess the opportunity of examining them.

"A want of knowledge of the tract of land where this property was situated prevents me from being able to identify all of the places mentioned, but probably a local antiquary would determine them without much difficulty. They must, of course, be looked for in the district formerly held by Sir H. de Mountmaurice.

"We learn from the copy of a letter preserved in the same volume, that in the year 1285 a certain Dominus R. de Burgo, clericus, was the agent of the monastery of Canterbury in Ireland, and that he had been concerned in some negotiation between them and the convent De Voto, and had conducted some legal proceeding in the 'curia regis.' Nothing is stated that will explain to us the nature of these proceedings; but as reference is made to a concession that he had asked of them for the convent De Voto, and which they hesitated to make, we may, perhaps, conclude that, as by the first of the following deeds they granted all their lands, &c. in Ireland to New Tintern, the new concession requested of them most probably concerned the reserved rent-charge.

"The documents are full of contractions, as is usual with those of similar date, but it has been thought better to transcribe them at length. The copy has been very carefully made, and is believed to be quite correct.

I.—*Carta Conventus de terris Hibernicis venditis anno Domini Millesimo CC°. xlv°.*

"Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Fratres Prior et capitulum ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nos dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta

nostra confirmavimus dilectis nobis in Christi Abbati et conventui De Voto Cisterciensis ordinis ffernensis Diocesis in Hibernia omnes terras et predia urbana seu rustica que possidemus et tenuimus hucusque in Hibernia ex dono pie memorie nobilis quondam viri Hervei de Monte Maurici. Quas videlicet terras nominatim presentibus duximus exprimendas videlicet totam terram nostram de Kilmor¹ de Kenturc² de Banewe³. Et totum redditum et jus nostrum de Thamasre⁴. Totum eciam redditum et jus nostrum de terris ad ecclesiam de Kylbogh⁵ pertinentibus cum insula de Banewe⁶ et duas insulas de Salteye⁷ cum earum omnibus pertinentiis et appendiciis ad nos spectantibus sicut melius et plenius predicta tenementa cum suis pertineciis et predictas insulas tenuimus et habuimus cum omnibus suis juribus libertatibus et aliis pertinentiis salvis tamen episcopo et capitulo ffernensi villa et ecclesia de fficherede⁸ cum suis pertinentiis que fuerunt eis a nobis per amicabilem compositionem et confirmacionem aliquando concessa et salva collacione facta nobis super terra de Thamasgre domino Galfrido de Sancto Johanne et heredibus suis et ejus assignatis sicut in

¹ *Kilmor*.—Mr. Babington rightly identifies the present parish of Kilmore with this name.—Eds.

² *Kenturc*.—Probably the present parish of Kilturk, adjoining Kilmore on the east.—Eds.

³ *Banewe*.—Mr. Babington is, of course, correct in supposing this name to be Bannow.—See "Transactions," vol. i. pp. 187–210.—Eds.

⁴ *Thamasre*, or *Thamasgre*.—Not identified; unless it be the present Tomhaggard, near Kilturk, or Tacumshin, eastward of Kilmore.—Eds.

⁵ *Kylbogh*.—Not identified; perhaps it may be hid under the present Kileowan, a parish adjoining Kilmore.—Eds.

⁶ *Insula de Banewe*.—Now joined by drifting sands to the mainland of the parish of that name.—See "Transactions," vol. i. pp. 193, 205.—Eds.

⁷ *Salteye*.—Still called the Saltees. Mr. Babington suggests that this name, and also the old form of Banewe, are Scandinavian, *ee* being the term for an island in the language of that country. He says:—"My reason for supposing that the termination of the word *Saltee* is the Scandinavian term for island is founded upon the constant occurrence of such forms having that meaning in this part of England. With us it takes the forms, 'ey,' or 'ea,' which are pronounced alike, such as Whittlesey, Horningsey, Maney, Longey, and many others in the fens. They are spelt *ey*,

or *ea*, according to fancy, but the former is the older mode. They are the names of places situated upon raised spots in the fens that were always above the floods, and so were well called islands, many of them not being approachable at any time except across water. The same forms occur in 'Iona,' and in such names as Colonsay, and others in Scotland. On the coast of Norway it appears as *œ*, the representative of a very similar sound, I am told."

Dr. O'Donovan in part agrees with Mr. Babington. The learned Doctor says, in a letter to the Editors:—"I incline to think the name means Salt-islands; but whether it is of Saxon or of Danish origin I should not like even to conjecture. Ireland's *Eye* and *Anglesey* are of Danish origin, meaning, the one, Ireland's island, and the other, England's island, they being the two points of land visible to the *Vikings* in the middle of the Irish Sea. *Dalkey*, near Dublin, is also Danish, and is the Delg-inis of the Irish annals; but I cannot find many other *eyes* in Ireland. The Saxons used *eyotte*, for a small island, from which I infer that they, too, had the word *eye*, or *ei*, for island, and may have imposed the name Salt-eyes on the islands in question."—Eds.

⁸ *Fficherede*.—Fethard, a prebendal parish, in the diocese of Ferns. There is a fine old castle here, still inhabited, formerly a residence of the bishops of Ferns.—Eds.

carta nostra plenius continetur. Dedimus eciam et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus prefatis Abbati et Conventus De Voto quod ipsi libere et integre percipiant pacificeque in perpetuum possideant omnes fructus proventus obvenciones et oblationes omnium ecclesiarum et capellarum in predictis terris constitutarum. Et eciam omnium aliarum ecclesiarum et capellarum que tempore istius concessionis facte ad nos in Hibernia pertinebant sicut easdem fructus proventus obvenciones et oblationes ecclesiarum et capellarum predictarum plenius et melius percipere consuevimus pro decem marcis bonorum et legalium sterlingorum solvendis nobis singulis annis in perpetuum aut nostro certo nuncio ad Nativitatem beate Marie apud Bathoniam in monasterio cathedrali vel thesaurariis ejusdem monasterii commendandis nomine nostro. Et prefati Abbas et Conventus De Voto sustinebunt pro nobis omnia onera episcopalia et archidiaconalia et quecumque alia que pro tempore fuerunt sustinenda prout auctoritas ecclesiastica ea imponi contigerit. Et preterea tenentur facere deservire ecclesias memoratas per ydoneas et honestas personas continue juxta ritum fidei Christiane. Et nichilominus exhibebunt competentem ydoneum capellanum qui continue celebrabit missam defunctorum in capella beati Brandani apud Banewe¹ specialiter pro nobili quondam viro Herveo de Monte Maurici et pro aliis fundatoribus et benefactoribus ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis. Jura vero spiritualia et personatus in predictis ecclesiis penes nos et successores nostros perpetuo residebunt. Concessimus eciam eisdem Abbati et conventui De Voto omnia nomina omnes acciones omnes petitiones et omnia jura que nos unquam contigerunt in predictis terris et prediis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ut pacifice teneant libere possideant omnia predicta sicut melius et plenius ea tenuimus et possedimus vel ea plenius et melius tenere et possidere debuimus. Et ut que subtracta vel ablata vel injuste detenta vel occupata aut violenter invasa fuerint que nobis ex predicta donacione predicti Hervei debeantur recuperent revocent et adquirant et jure perpetuo inconcussa intemerata libertate omnia predicta possideant nulla nobis in aliquo predictorum retencione servata exceptis predictis decem marcis sterlingorum quas sicut predictum est pro fructibus et obvencionibus predictarum ecclesiarum memorati Abbas et Conventus De Voto nobis annuatim solvere tenentur. Ut autem hec nostra donacio concessio et confirmacio inconcussa indubitata et perpetua firmitate valletur [sic in MS.] presentis scripti patrocinio et universitatis nostre sigillo duximus roborandum. Actum anno Domini m^o. cc^{mo}. xlv^{to}. mense Junii die octavarum translacionis Sancti Elphegi quondam Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi.”—[*Extracted from fol. vii. of a MS. preserved in the Library of the University of Cambridge, and marked Ee. v. 31.*]

II.—*Obligacio Abbatis et Conventus De Voto in Hibernia de x marcis annuatim redditis.*

“Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presens scriptum visurum vel auditurum Abbas et conventus De Voto in Hibernia Cisterciensis ordinis

¹ *Capella beati Brandani apud Banewe.*—Perhaps this may be the small ecclesiastical edifice near the ruined

church of Bannow, situated on the verge of the old sand-choked strait before alluded to.—Eds.

ffernensis Diocesis salutem in Christo Jesu. Noveritis quod nos bona fide nostra reddere tenemur annuatim in perpetuum Prioris et Capitulo ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis decem marcas bonorum et legalium sterlingas ad nativitatem beate virginis in Ecclesia Conventuali beati Petri apud Bathoniamsive quodlibet contradiccione et cavillatione pro fructibus oblacionibus et obvencionibus ecclesiarum suarum in Diocesi ffernensi constitutarum. Et si nos predicti Abbas et conventus De Voto in solucione predictarum decem marcarum aliquantenus sessaverimus ad terminum constitutum et prefati Prior et capitulum pro predictis decem marcis sterlingis adquirendis aliquas expensas fecerunt seu dampna incurrerint nos ejusdem Priori et capitulo tam pro ipsis dampnis et expensis quam pro principali redditu dictarum decem marcarum plenarum satisfacimus. Confitemur eciam nos dicti Abbas et conventus De Voto quod tenemur pro eisdem Priore et Capitulo Cantuariensis sustinere omnia onera Episcopalia et Archidiaconalia et quecunque alia que pro tempore quantum ad ecclesias memoratas fuerint sustinenda prout auctoritate ecclesiastica ea imponi contingit. Preterea protestamur nos memorati Abbas et conventus De Voto et confirmetur sponte et libere quod tenemur facere deservire ecclesias memoratas per ydoneas et honestas personas continue juxta ritum fidei Christiane. Et nichilominus exhibebimus competentem capellanum ydoneum qui continue celebrabit missam defunctorum perpetuo in capella beati Brendani apud Banewe specialiter pro nobili quondam viro Herveio de Monte Mauricii et pro aliis funditoribus et benefactoribus ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis. Subicientes nos et successores nostros jurisdictioni Archiepiscopi Dublinensis et ejusdem officialis qui pro tempore fuerit ut ipsi vel eorum alter quociens necesse fuerit, nos et successores nostros possint libere et sine litis strepitu compellere per censuram ecclesiasticam ad observacionem integram omnium premissorum. Renunciandum in hac parte pro nobis et successoribus nostris omni Juris auxilio canonici et civilis omni consuetudine et statuto et omni Juris privilegio nobis competenti vel competituro quod posset obici contra hoc instrumentum vel scriptum. Et volumus propter hoc coram quibuscumque iudicibus a prefatis Priore et capitulo Cantuariensis ubique locorum libere conveniri. Et ut hec omnia scripta inconcussa indubitata et perpetua firmitate vallentur ea presentis scripti patrocinio et sigilli nostri appensione una cum sigillo Abbatis et Conventus de Tinterne Landavensis Diocesis sunt munita. Actum anno Domini m°. cc. xlv°. mense Junio die octavarum translacionis Sancti Elfegi quondam Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi.”—[*Extracted from the above-mentioned MS., fol. viii.*]

III.—*Obligacio Abbatis et Conventus De Voto in Hibernia de xl solidis annuatim redditis.*

“Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Frater Willelmus Abbas De Voto in Hibernia salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis universitas vestra nos ad instanciam venerabilis patris domini Bonifacii Dei gracia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi et totius Anglie primatis ex mera liberalitate nostra contulisse ecclesie Christi Cantuariensis tres marcas sterlingas annuatim redditus in perpetuum in augmentum videlicet illarum decem marcarum quos prefate ecclesie Cantuariensis solvere tenemus annuatim pro fructibus et decimis ecclesiarum quos tenemus in Hiber-

nia de prefata ecclesia Christi Cantuariensis. Et sciendum quod tres predictas marcas incipiemus solvere in Nativitate beate Marie anno Domini m°. cc°. lvi°. Et sic deinceps in perpetuum singulis annis ad prefatum terminum fideliter et sine omni cavillaceone persolvemus easdem una cum decem marcis supradictis loco et termino scilicet quibus ipsas decem marcas solvere tenemur. Et ut hec nostra donacio rata et inviolabilis permaneat presens scriptum sigilli nostri impressione de assensu et concilio capituli nostri De Voto in Hibernia roboravimus. Datum Cantuarie anno Domini m°. cc°. lv°. mense Aprili.”—[*Extracted from the above-mentioned MS., fol. viii. b.*]

IV.—*Litera relaxationis arregiorum annue pensionis Abbatis et Conventus De Voto in Hibernia.*

“Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Henricus permissione divina et cet. et ejusdem loci capitulum remissimus et relaxavimus religiosis viris domino Abbati et conventu De Voto in Hibernia ordinis Cisterciensis omnia debita et arregia debitorum in quibus nobis tenebantur pro arregios cujusdem annue pensionis tres decem marcorum nobis annuatim ad festum Nativitatis beate Marie virginis solvendis omnibus inter nos hinc et inde solucionibus prius factis plenius allocatis usque ad festum beati Bartholomei apostoli anno Domini m°. ccc°. xviii°. pro C. libris sterlingis nobis solutis. In cujus rei testamentum presens scriptum sigillo nostro communi fecimus communiri. Datum in capitulo nostro die Sancti Bartholomei anno Domini supradicto.”—[*Extracted from the above-mentioned MS., fol. cxvii.*]

Mr. Babington also forwarded a sketch, made by a friend, of a tomb bearing a highly ornamental floral cross of the thirteenth century, by the side of which was carved a short crozier, also of the floral type, and at each side an inscription in Lombardic capitals, to the following effect:—

[HIC] : JACET : HERRICUS : DE : TINTERN : QUONDAM :
ABBAS : DE : VOTO.

This monument is still existing at Tintern in Monmouthshire (the parent of the Irish Tintern), in the north-east corner of the cloister. Lancant is a hamlet near the original Tintern. On the same slab was carved a similar cross, and also an inscription to the memory of John de Lyuns.

The Rev. James Graves exhibited an ancient letter or memorial, written on vellum, addressed by the monks of Owny or Abingdon, near Nenagh, to James Earl of Ormonde, the representative of Theobald le Pincerna, the founder of that house. In this curious document the monks complain that an Irish-born and educated monk, named Dermot O’Glessoon, was intruded on them as abbot by the violence of the laity, headed by Cornelius Y-Molrehan and his son, contrary to the King’s statute and mandate, who (the Irish abbot)

had behaved himself so, with the aid of his lay abettors, that the monks could not stir out of the castle of the monastery, "extra castrum monasterii," and were reduced to the greatest straits by want of food, whilst divine service was entirely discontinued and neglected. Wherefore they ask the Earl, "with tearful sighs," to listen to their griefs and provide a remedy, by causing the intruding "Hibernicus" to be expelled, and an Englishman to be appointed in his place. The date of this curious document was May 31, 1436. Its tenor was as follows :—

"Nobili et excellenti Domino Domino Jacobo le Botler Comiti Ormonie viri humiles et devoti oratores Abbas et Conventus Monasterii beate Marie de Huonia Imelacensis Diocesis Salutem et se ad devota obsequia semper prestanda paratos. Nuper siquidem dolendum est quod cum monasterium supradictum dittissime et largissime extitit fundatum et dotatum per vestros progenitores ita eciam quod nullus in monasterium ibidem et presertim ad dignitatem Abbatis predicti nisi de Anglicana existet natione procreatus recipiatur nec admittatur, in dilusionem et destructionem dittissime dotacionis et fundacionis predictorum vestrorum progenitorum quidam Dermicius Oglessoon monachus aliunde professus qui de Hibernicana natione procreatus contra statuta et mandata Regiæ, potencia inordinata laicorum inimicorum Domini nostri Regis et virorum presertim capitulum Hibernicorum, viz. Cornelii Y-Molreyan, se abbatem dicti monasterii de facto pretendit, et per dictum Cornelium et filium eiusdem nos et monasterium hujusmodi sustentacionibus fructibus redditibus et oblacionibus universis privavit spoliavit et de die in dies privat et spoliat, quod nullus extra castrum monasterii exire valeat, ita quod defectu sustentacionis quasi fame [. . . .] divinus cultus negligitur et dimittitur. Unde vos rogemus et requirimus lacrimosis suspiriis ut nunc ad gemitum nostri memoris aures vestras inclinare [. . . .] quod nostri predicto monasterio aliter provideatur, nec ipsum in manibus inimicorum virorum Hibernicorum cum quibus nunquam gratiæ nequavit deducatur, et eidem alicui de natione Anglicana provideri disponatur, aut de professis ejusdem monasterii disponi et provideri procuretur. Acceptantes graciose se placeat quod vobis per dompnum Ricardum Genowr professum dicti monasterii ex parte nostra vobis in premissis duxerit exponenda quem in hiis nostrum fecimus procuratorem per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus. Datum in monasterio nostro ultimo die mensis Maii Anno Domini m°. cccc. xxx. sexto."

The Secretary read a communication from the Rev. Henry Cotton, D.D., Archdeacon of Cashel, to the following effect :—

"In the description of the Lismore stones (p. 201) there are a few inaccuracies, which I may as well enable you to correct. The Irish inscribed stones were *not* 'dug out in excavating for the foundation of the tower some thirty years ago.' Their recent history is thus: when I went (in 1834) to execute the office of Dean of Lismore, I inquired for any such, and the sexton showed me *two* (the two smaller ones) in different parts of the churchyard, serving for head-stones to modern graves. I took them up and removed them into the Cathedral for safety. I then searched closely for others

and discovered the two larger, serving the same office, but inverted, and nearly buried in the earth, so as not to show a letter of inscription. I removed these in like manner: the last two are of the lime-stone of the district; the smaller two are simply flat river pebbles, reddish, and certainly *not* lime-stone. I showed the two former to Mr. O'Donovan on a passing visit to Lismore; but at that time I had not found the two larger stones. These last two bear no appearance whatever of being 'water-worn and rounded.'

"I *think* that Mr. Windele's lithograph of them was taken from a drawing which was made for me by Mr. Armstrong, then clerk of the church, whom I used to employ for such purposes, and who afterwards executed several drawings of antiquities for the late Dean Dawson, of St. Patrick's, Dublin.

"These are trifling particulars; but it is well to have them all set right while the actors in the scenes are alive, to testify what they saw and did. I have one other small fragment, which I dug up by accident while laying the foundation of the Cathedral Library at Lismore, in 1851, being part of a circled cross, with part of an inscription, OR . OO . CORMAC."

The following papers were then submitted to the Meeting.

ON ST. DECLAN'S ORATORY AT ARDMORE, COUNTY OF WATERFORD, AND THE OLD IRISH INSCRIPTION BUILT INTO ITS EAST END.

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THE hoary little oratory at Ardmore, though a noted shrine of pilgrimage from most remote times, has hitherto received little or no attention from the tourist or archæologist. Little doubt, what chiefly contributed to this oversight was its rude humble appearance, and its being nearly connected with the celebrated Round Tower and ruined Hiberno-Norman cathedral, with its attractive sculptures and interesting early monuments; but, as in many similar circumstances, the lowly and humble exterior, though covering far more real worth, is passed by unheeded, when your high and haughty tinsel and show absorb all the attention. As one of our earliest Christian churches, this venerable relic deserves far more at our hands; for here we have a tangible monument of one of our first great Irish missionaries,—a predecessor of even St. Patrick himself,—the old moss-grown walls of which have weathered the storms of some fifteen hundred years. It may be asked, what proofs are there that such is the fact? Well, we find that numerous historic proofs connect St. Declan with Ardmore. The "Annals of Innisfallen" announce, anno 402,—"*Ciaran agur Deaglan ag teacht on Rómh na n Eapcop*," that is, Ciaran and Deaglan came from Rome as bishops, to announce the faith in Ire-